

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1073 – HB 1536

March 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “clean recycled material” and “secondhand mattress” for the purposes of bedding sales. Adds specifications for the information required on secondhand mattress tags. Requires the Department of Health to establish rules prescribing approved methods for sanitizing secondhand mattresses. Classifies violations of the tag requirements as Class C, Class B, and Class A misdemeanors, punishable by fine only.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the cost of promulgating rules for approved sanitizing methods is not significant.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the bill creates an additional specific ground for which the Division of Consumer Affairs will be required to receive, investigate, and mediate consumer complaints.
- Based upon information provided by the Department, the increase in investigations and complaints is anticipated to be not significant. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes, and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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